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## Zamperini Wins Again

### Torrance Champion Upholds Honors At Southern California Finals Sat.

Marine League athletes were almost conspicuous by their absence in the Southern California finals held last Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Besides Zamperini, the pride of Torrance, who won his event, the Class A mile with five yards to spare over Bayer of Paso Robles, Powers of Narbonne was the only other Mariner to score. Powers took fourth in the Class B 1320.

Henderson, the Gardena flash, quit 100 yards from the finish of the Class A 440. Rounding the first turn he was in second place, but by the time the straightaway had been reached he had been passed by almost the entire field and ran off the course.

Gregory, flashy dash man from Jordan, of Long Beach, who has been running the century under 19 flat, failed to place in either the 100 or the 220. He had been

counted on in Long Beach for a sure first. Piper of Torrance, who had been entered in Class C, was withdrawn from the meet when it was found that his point rating was insufficient. Entrance in the Southern California finals requires that an athlete must make a certain number of points, in which height, weight, age and citizenship standing are counted. Piper failed to make the required grade.

Zamperini ran a great race. Following his usual style, he trailed about fourth from last in a field of 19, for the first round. Start was from the tunnel, going around the long oval for two laps and the short oval for the final. On the second round he moved up to fifth place and gradually closed up until the last round when he jumped into the lead. Schuyler of Carpinteria was second but was passed on the straightaway by Bayer of Paso Robles who hung on Louie's heels when they started their sprint. Louie pulled away and finished five yards ahead of the northern man. As he stated in his interview over the radio, Friday night, Louie did not attempt to lower his world record of 4:21.3, but only ran fast enough to win. His time Saturday was 4:27.2.

Louis had planned to attempt a real record at the state meet, which will be held at Fresno next Saturday night, but in view of the action of the C. I. F. at their annual meeting held last week, will not be entered. Metropolitan newspapers of Sunday announced that the Los Angeles board of education had refused permission to athletes of the city schools to compete in the state meet. This is erroneous. The real inside of the matter is the fact that the C. I. F. at their meeting voted to suspend the Los Angeles city schools, due to the fact that the representatives of the board had attempted to dictate terms to the C. I. F. governing the competition of the Los Angeles athletes.

They proposed to have their athletes run unattached. The C. I. F., according to authentic report, refused to accept that condition. The result was that the Los Angeles city schools are now organized as the storm. None of the city schools will be represented at Fresno, the athletes of other schools who finished as low as fifth, sixth or seventh, taking the places of L. A. athletes in their respective events.

The ruling of the C. I. F. bars such men as Zamperini and Young, defending state champions in the mile and the shot put. Young lost Saturday to Ruit of Fullerton, who tossed the shot nearly 56 feet for a first place. His only chance to get back his prestige is lost with the ruling that he can not compete next Saturday.

The Marine League season will close this week with the Gardena meet.

### TONY GOES GOLFING

Tony Alesso, former Bluebird, has deserted night baseball for golf. Tony is playing next Sunday in the finals of the Royal Palms title match against George Gohm. Alesso defeated T. R. Davies in the semi-finals.

### PACIFIC COAST GAMES

Games in the Pacific Coast League for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, are San Francisco at Sacramento; Portland at Missions; Seattle at Oakland; Los Angeles at Hollywood.

## Gosh! Spring Must Be Here!



It's a long jump from the braising tactics of the spring football practice field to the dainty footwork of the torchbearers behind the footlights, but members of the Santa Barbara State College varsity football team made it with their "Lollipop Chorus." All rehearsals were held on the football field, and not until the first performance of the annual State College musical revue would the football heroes don their feminine costumes.

## Finals To Be Held At Leuzinger

Marine League preliminaries and finals will be held next Monday and Wednesday afternoon at the Leuzinger high school, which will ring down the curtain on the local track season for this year. Due to the Memorial Day holiday next week, it was found advisable to advance the dates of these meets since Leuzinger, El Segundo and North Long Beach schools will have an additional holiday on Friday. The all city finals have been put off until June 15 and will be held in the Los Angeles U. S. C. Ohio State track meet, which make this event quite a drawing card among track fans.

Whether any Torrance athletes will take part in the city meet will be a question. The stars of the game may stay out. Hubert Luck, due to his injury in the Narbonne meet, has not kept in shape, and Zamperini is much disheartened over the ruling of the L. A. board, which barred him from the state meet. Johnny McFadden probably will not enter and this leaves only Wertz, Waugh, Adzovich, Bay and a few others to compete with any chance of making a showing. Speed has moved to La Habra and will be lost to the team for the remainder of the season.

## Sheriff's Men Will Shoot It Out Here

Sub-station No. 3 will send its best pistoleros down to Torrance this afternoon to shoot it out with the crack team of the police force at the Revolver and Rifle Club at the Leuzinger. The Torrance men expect to continue with their winning marks, as they have had several practice matches and won two out of three from the Redondo police. Last Saturday the No. 2 team defeated the No. 3 team in the second inter-club match. They won by 30 points.

## FAMOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS

South Carolina was the eighth state to ratify the constitution, May 23, 1795.

## Birds Lose Again

### Fans Would Like to Locate a Crym' Place to Get All the Tears Out of Eyes

Boy, where at is that weepin' willer tree? The Bluebird fans who have traveled to the park for three successive Tuesday nights only to see their favorite night baseball club kicked around and trampled into the dust by the Long Beach Rear Admirals, of the Nationals, the Alhambra and

even in the seventh. Big Landreth, who had replaced Olson at first, got a nice hit, and Kratloff from Wilmington, who is almost surefire, in a pinch, elected to hit one out to right instead of sacrificing, but on the throw-in Landreth was trapped off third and Kratloff at first which ended the rally. Mitchell was thrown out at first for the third out.

Ray Sleppy started in the box for the Birds. Ray should stick to soft, as he walked three men and was pounded for eight hits including a homer. Errors behind him helped in counting the Angels' nine runs, which did not help his delivery any.

The kid pitcher took over in the list of the sixth and held the Angels to one hit and no runs. Acebedo, Forney, Mitchell and Landreth were the only ones who could do anything with Waxman's pitching. The Mexican boy who has been promoted to a lead-off man, got two hits, a run, was thrown out twice on his four times at bat, and accepted one fielder's change. Forney got two hits, two runs, fled out twice, in four times up, and had one put-out.

Tomorrow night the Birds go to Montebello, and next Tuesday night will meet the Hollywood club with Louie Neva pitching cap to the Birds. It will be just like Spud's boys to turn on Louie and give him a trimming. If they can get hold of a good pitcher to help hold the Stars down they will do it.

The Birds, who have not forgotten that Louie left them flat on their backs last season in the middle of the championship fray, will be on their toes to give him the trimming of his young life.

In spite of their rugged showing of the past three weeks the home team is capable of taking the Stars, provided they can plug up that weak spot on the mound. The lack of pitchers is a serious handicap to the Birds, but Murphy is still combing the brush in an effort to scare up a real chucker.

If he had all the prospects he has deckered with in the past two months his roster would be full of chuckers, but one by one the bright hopes have faded. There are still pitchers as large and one of a good one, and the good old days when the Birds were unanimously on the long end of the score will be back again.

Next Tuesday night may see the start of the return to the head of the class, and the bugs who want to see the fray between Neva and the Birds should reserve their seats early.

FREE THEATRE TICKETS! Turn to the classified page.

Advertisement for Torrance Pharmacy, featuring a woman in a dress and the text: 'Fleeting Hours The golden hours go by so easily... under the spell of lights and laughter one forgets the lateness of the hour...'

## SPORT SHOTS

By Bob Lawless

As everyone in the State of California knows by now, Louis Zamperini, world's intercollegiate mile champion, successfully defended his title against all comers last Saturday. Louie drew lane 19, with about 25 athletes running. Lane 19 is the third row in the rear. The champion took it easy from the start, running third in the race, he decided to pull up, at the beginning of the last lap, Louie made a bid for first place, but a runner, Madrid of Belmont high, fought to hold his lead, so Louie dropped back into second place until after rounding the curve, then the race began. About 50 yards from the tape, Louie running first by now, Bayer of Paso Robles tried to pass the champion up, but no, this was impossible, Louie won by five yards, taking it easy. Winning time, 4 minutes, 27 2-10 seconds. Retaining his title.

At the beginning of track season this year after the Los Angeles Board of Education refused to enter any of the athletes in the Southern Cal. or State meets, yours truly and Dr. Alden Smith visited the dictators of the L. A. Board. After several hours of discussion were promised on the subject of Louie's word of honor, that the athletes in question could enter in competition, the two meets. Well they kept their word about entering the Southern California meet held last Saturday. But did not keep their word about the State meet, held this Saturday at Fresno. In other words, Louie Zamperini, defending State champion (and any other Los Angeles Board of Education athlete) will not be able to enter. The reason. At a recent meeting of the C. I. F. the Los Angeles dictators asked that their athletes be given privileges that did not agree with the rules and regulation of the C. I. F. These T. A. Board members said that athletes of their school system could not enter unless the C. I. F. agreed to accept them as unattached.

Well what happened? This information comes to me from a member of the C. I. F. The board of directors of the California Intercollegiate Federation, after several hours of debating, decided that they had contended with the Los Angeles Board far too long, and the final vote was not to accept any Los Angeles athletes entries in the State meet. In other words, it looks as though the Los Angeles Board of Education has been suspended from the C. I. F.

Now I would like to make two suggestions namely... Number 1. That the Los Angeles Board of Education's athletic department be suspended from the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Why? Because of their attitude toward the C. I. F. the past 10 years. The C. I. F. is a member, in good standing of the A. A. U. and controls all high school athletes in the State of California.

Number 2. That the City of Torrance make immediate plans to withdraw from the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Why? Because Torrance, in the first place is large enough to support its own school system, and is not getting its just reward from the almighty L. A. Board. Not only in athletics, which is a minor part of schooling, but in all branches of education. Are we, as a growing city to sit back forever and see our students handicapped in their education.

Box score for Los Angeles vs Bluebirds. Includes columns for AB, R, H and names of players like Shelton, Drumright, Waxman, Washburn, Baer, etc.

This is the last dual meet of the year.

A few Sport Shots... Let's Zamperini local athlete, now running for the Trojans, according to the latest news, will be taken back east, to Boston, and will compete in the L.C.A.A.A. meet for U. S. C. ... Louis Zamperini, the Torrance Toronado, has been given an invitation to run again this year in the B.P.A.U. meet, to be held in San Diego. Last year Louie won first place in the 1500-meter run, at 4 minutes flat, beating all comers, on the Pacific coast. He has a good chance to repeat last year's victory again this year... Why doesn't Spud Murphy and his newly organized Bluebird Board of Directors get together and form a farm team for young players that need the experience, and would like to play night ball? I know several young men of Torrance, that are potential stars, but need the experience.

## All Stars May Switch

### Popular Demand for Regulation Baseball at Night said to be Growing

Manager Jack Silva's revamped All Stars showed lots of the old jinger last Sunday, winning over the Redondo Beach Merchants 5-3 in a nice game. Gordon Nelson, pitching for the visitors, was touched for nine hits, but returned the compliment by striking out nine batters. Willis gave up eight hits and whiffed five.

Next Sunday the All Stars will play Santa Ana. Silva was so well pleased with the results of his shake-up that he is planning to do a little more remodeling. According to Silva, Nelson is angling to come back to the Torrance fold, and if he does the All Stars will have one of the strong est pitching trios in the Southland, with Faxman, Willis and Nelson on the staff. Jack is also planning to sign up another good boy, who is now playing with a Japanese team, but will be at liberty in a couple of weeks.

Crowds at the Sunday games are steadily growing. Last Sunday the stands were greeted by about 350 fans, who expressed Silva's proposal to change over to night baseball with loud enthusiasm. Silva is contemplating the change due to the fact that many fans have requested it. Many people like to go away on a motor trip over the week-end, and these would like to patronize the baseball games, but prefer their motor outings. If the games were played at night, and this would be the regulation hardball, instead of the indoor variety, they could do both, and attendance at the games would be increased.

By adding two or three poles with flood lights to illuminate the outfield, Silva believes that hard ball could be played as successfully as the other brand. He asks all fans who want to see the change made to write to City Clerk Harriott, expressing their sentiments, who will turn the letters over to the city council.

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